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CYBERTRON, ORBITAL TORUS STATE: KAON.

THE DECEPTICON FORTRESS OF KOLKULAR:

...IF ONLY HE COULD HAVE KNOWN WHAT A DARK SMEAR HIS DEATH WOULD LEAVE ON THE HISTORY LOGS OF CYBERTRON.

THE CRADLE:

WOULD HE, I WONDER, HAVE BEEN SO QUICK TO ACCEPT OUR BRIBES, TO TURN A BLIND EYE...

...IF HE COULD SEE NOW ALL HE UNWITTINGLY SET IN MOTION?

THE EMIRATE'S GREED WAS THE OPPORTUNITY, HIS DEATH THE SPUR.

THE BEGINNING...

...AND NOW THE END.

WE AWAIT YOUR COMMAND, LORD MEGATRON.

WHAT? NO!

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LASERBEAK, REPLAY AERIAL RECON FILE VG.2-- PERHAPS OUR SUDDENLY GARRULOUS LEADER WAS TOO BUSY PONTIFICATING TO GRASP ITS SIGNIFICANCE.
LOOK-- THE AUTOBOTS ARE ALL PACKED UP AND READY TO RUN!
AND WHAT? YOU'RE JUST GOING TO LET THEM GO? I THOUGHT THE IDEA WAS TO WIPE THEM OUT.
STARSCREAM, UNDERSTAND THIS. YOU ARE A BLUNT INSTRUMENT, TO BE DELIVERED WITH DIRECTION AND FORCE. IN THIS CAPACITY, YOU HAVE FEW PEERS.
BUT PLEASE... LEAVE THE THINKING TO ME.
TRUE, I NEVER EXPECTED THIS NEW PRIME WOULD HAVE THE SHEER BRASS TO ORDER A PLANET-WIDE EVACUATION, BUT TRUST ME...
...THEY'RE NOT GOING ANYWHERE!

HUB CAPITAL: IACON.
CENTRAL SPACEPORT.
BACK IT UP, BACK IT UP. GOOD.
OKAY, THAT ONE'S AT CAPACITY. MOVE IT ALONG.
I TELL YOU, IRONHIDE, I NEVER THOUGHT I'D SEE THE DAY.
ME EITHER. IT'S JUST, I DUNNO... WRONG.
THIS IS OUR WORLD, HOUND, OUR HOME. WE CAN'T JUST UP AND GO!
WHAT CAN WE DO? WE BOTH SWORE THE SAME OATH OF ALLEGIANCE.
IT'S JUST THAT, WELL, THIS PRIME IS NEW, AND...
...WHAT IF HE NOT UP TO JOB?

WE ALL THINK IT, RIGHT? FOR YEARS, WE FIGHT AND DIE...AND FOR WHAT? TO RUN, HIDE?
THIS SLAP IN FACE FOR ALL THOSE WHO DIE FOR CAUSE, FOR ALL THOSE STILL WILLING TO CARRY ON.
ER, GRIMLOCK...
GRIMLOCK!
IN FACT, ME NOT STAND FOR IT. TIME FOR ANOTHER PLAN... MAYBE EVEN ANOTHER LEADER.
I CAN'T HOLD--
THRUNCH!
MARVELLOUS.
HOW MANY TIMES IS THAT?
THREE. TODAY.
AH, HE'LL BE BACK.
WILL HE? I WONDER...

KOLKULAR:
KR-LUNK!
STARSCREAM, THUNDERCRACKER AND SKYWARP HAVE BEEN DISPATCHED TO SECTOR ZERO-SIX, LORD MEGATRON.
GOOD. THE COMMAND POST THERE IS OF LITTLE TACTICAL IMPORTANCE. BUT IT IS IMPORTANT FOR THE MOMENT TO MAINTAIN AN ILLUSION OF BUSINESS AS USUAL.
AND, OF COURSE, IT KEEPS STARSCREAM... OCCUPIED.
WHILE I CONCERN MYSELF WITH THE LITTLE MATTER...

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LONG HAUL, THE SUPERSTUCTURE NEEDS REINFORCEMENT UNDER COOLANT VATS SIX-NORTH
I'M ON IT.
AH LORD MEGATRON
I TRUST YOU ARE SATISFIED. THE REFIT IS AHEAD OF SCHEDULE.
INDEED. TELL ME SCRAPPER, IF WE WERE TO FIRE UP ONE OF THE PRIMARY PLANETARY TURBINES, WHAT WOULD HAPPEN?
IT WOULD... IGNITE, AND THE REACTION WOULD BOIL SUPERHEATED PLASMA WASTE THROUGH AN EXHAUST VENT.
ONLY... THE VENTS ARE SEALED, BEEN THAT WAS FOR SOME CONSIDERABLE TIME
YOU SPECIFICALLY WANTED THEM LEFT LIKE THAT, RIGHT?
YES, YES. AND WHEN THE PLASMA OUTFLOW REACHES THOSE SURFACE STRATA?
PHF. NEXT STOP, OUTER SPACE

IACON. THE HIGH COUNCIL PAVILLIONS:

THE TOWER OF PION.

HOW GOES THE EVACUATION?

AS WELL AS CAN BE EXPECTED, GIVEN THE LOGISTICS, THE TIMESCALE, THE GENERAL LACK OF MOTIVATION.

THIS IS NOT A POPULAR DECISION-- YOU KNOW THAT RIGHT? A LOT OF VOICES RAISED IN OPPOSITION.

TELL ME, **PROWL**...

...IS **YOURS** ONE OF THEM?

...IF WE STAY AND FIGHT, CYBERTRON WILL BECOME A **WASTELAND.** THERE CAN BE NO WINNERS HERE WE HAVE TO LET IT GO.

BEFORE I BECAME **PRIME,** I WAS A SIMPLE STATISTICIAN A COLLATOR OF DATA. ACROSS COLUMNS AND SPREADSHEETS I AUDITED THE **SUM TOTAL** OF WAR, MADE THE ONLY POSSIBLE PROJECTION

BASED ON WHAT? AN **EQUATION?** A DECISION LIKE THAT IT HAS TO COME FROM HERE

YOU HAVE TO LOOK **WITHIN**-- EH?

THE TOWER! NO.. THE PLANET ITSELF. SOMETHING..

IACON, SUB-ORBITAL DISTRICT:

THE FORUM OF ENLIGHTENMENT:

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WITHIN:
THE ULTIMATE REALIZATION OF OUR PRIMARY AGENDA IS AT HAND.
FITTING THEN THAT IT TOO BEGAN UNDERGROUND: HIDDEN WRAPPED IN GUILE AND SUBTERFUGE. SUCH IS THE DECEPTICON WAY.
THE COMBATS WE ONCE STAGED IN OUR ARENAS MASKED THE GATHERING, THE HARVEST OF LIKE MINDS
THE WEAK WERE WINNOWED OUT, THE DOUBTERS SILENCED. AND WHEN WE WERE AT OPTIMUM STRENGTH.
...WE STRUCK! FAST, DIRECT, MERCILESS. WAR WAS UPON THEM IN A STUNNED INSTANT
BUT THE SUBJUGATION OF CYBERTRON WAS MERELY A FEINT, A DISTRACTION. TO MASK THE WORK HERE. WORK THAT IS NOW ALMOST COMPLETED.
SOON, HE WILL COME AND YOU WILL BE WAITING!

ICON: SUB-ORBITAL DISTRICT.

RATCHET?

I'M READING NOTHING. NO LIFE SIGNS WITHIN THE ENTIRE RADIUS OF THE BLAST AREA

THEY'RE ALL GONE.

HOW MANY? RED ALERT?

THE LOCATOR FEED IS STILL COMING IN A LOT.

WHAT HAPPENED?

THIS GOES WAY DOWN, RIGHT INTO THE GUTS OF THE PLANET SOME KIND OF GAS POCKET? AN OLD REACTOR OUR SCANS NEVER PICKED UP.. OR.

...T WASN'T AN ACCIDENT AT ALL

NO...

...THE SEEDS OF DESTRUCTION HAVE ALREADY BEEN SOWN, UNDER YOUR VERY FEET.

HE DID THIS, MEGATRON.

WHAT? HOW DO YOU KNOW THAT?

I JUST KNOW. I CAN'T EXPLAIN. HE DID THIS. HE DID ALL THIS--

--TO GET MY ATTENTION.

SUB-SURFACE CYBERTRON:
ACCESS SHAFT O-5, IACON EAST:
CLUNGG!
ZZ-RRRT!
HN. WHAT?
PROWL? IS THAT YOU? I'M TOO DEEP. I DON'T THINK YOUR SIGNAL CAN PENETRATE.
ZZZR

OPTIMUS
BZZ-RR
PRIME.
PROWL?
THIS IS MADNESS.
WHAT WAS I THINKING? EVEN IF I FOUND MEGATRON WHAT THEN? I CAN'T--
BEWARE.
ERSSK!
PROWL?
BRRZZK
UUHN! WHAT--?
SP-KOW!
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HUU-
-UHN!
WHMF!
GRRR
GOT TO GET UP. GOT TO KEEP MOVING. I SUPPOSE IT'S TOO MUCH TO HOPE
THAT I'M ON MY OWN DOWN HERE

IACON. THE HIGH COUNCIL PAVILLIONS.
THE DECAGON:
HE'S... GONE?!
AND YOU JUST LET HIM GO? ALONE?
HE WAS ADAMANT. WE'RE TO ACCELERATE THE EVACUATION AND PROCEED DIRECTLY TO THE STAGING POINT. HE SAID HE'D JOIN US THERE.
THIS ISN'T GOOD. WE MAY NOT AGREE WITH HIM BUT HE IS THE PRIME.
WE CAN'T JUST--
HEY.. HEY!
INCOMING.. A WHOLE MESS OF INCOMING. OUTLYING DEFENSES HAVE BEEN ENGAGED.
THERE'S SOMETHING ELSE. A BROADBAND TRANSMISSION. I'LL...
AUTOBOTS...

...THE HOUR OF YOUR ERADICATION IS AT HAND!
TO BE CONTINUED...

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Deep within Cybertron, OPTIMUS PRIME faces his first and greatest test, an ordeal by fire against five lethal DECEPTICON warriors. Wounded, on the run, PRIME must plumb personal depths of strength and character he didn't even know he possessed. But even if he survives, waiting in the wings is MEGATRON ... whose agenda is more terrifying and far-reaching than anyone had imagined!

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Writer Simon Furman (TRANSFORMERS: The War Within) and TRANSFORMERS: Generation 1 artist supreme Pat Lee present a special, two-part Armada story! You'd think that MEGATRON, powerful beyond measure in his own right and now further augmented by MINICON might, would be content. Well, you'd be wrong. Now, MEGATRON is looking to forge the ultimate MINICON weapon, the Star Saber! As for OPTIMUS PRIME and the AUTOBOTS, their own MINICONS are missing... and with them went their only chance of survival!

PAT LEE
SIMON FURMAN

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Dreamwave Productions brings you an amazing collection of TRANSFORMERS artwork in December 2002. The first of four profile books, Dreamwave promises to deliver original art depicting Generation One characters. Various artists, whose art you have already experienced in G1 calendars and posters, have signed on to fill the first book.

This book lists the names and traits of your favorite G1 characters, and the exceptional coloring and artistic quality you have come to expect from all DreamWave products enhance simple nostalgia. We won't say you have to get this first of four profile books, you will simply regret it if you don't. Great for the holidays as an introduction to the TRANSFORMERS Generation One characters, or simply as a refresher for those who were around the first time.

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